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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

SUBJECT: Security Classification of U-2C

In recent years, the U-2C aircraft has not been used for NRO reconnaissance activities. The majority of these aircraft are now in storage and have no future NRO missions in sight. I intend to make these assets available for unclassified roles in support of other important national objectives. At this time, final arrangements are being made to provide a U-2C to NASA for earth resources and other related public interest programs. The programs to be conducted by NASA, with USAF support, will be unclassified as will some information concerning the aircraft. Maximum aircraft performance characteristics will not be declassified, neither will sensors or items common to the U-2R.

I request the Director of CIA Reconnaissance Programs and the Director of Program D, in coordination with the NRO Security Staff, to take necessary actions to accomplish the declassification.

John L. McLucas NASA Review Completed.

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